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**Special Edition:**

**POWER DEBATE: State Energy Plan urged**

*Detroit Free Press* business reporter Alejandro Bodipo-Memba talks with Sen. Patterson, who discusses the work-group he convened in February. A feature article appeared in Saturday's *Free Press*, Section B. It is accessible on line at <http://www.freep.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060318/BUSINESS06/603180327> for those who may not have seen it. Look forward to further action by Sen. Patterson.

**Medicare Matters!**

Do you have lingering questions on the new Medicare prescription drug benefit? You are not alone!

New coverage begins on May 1. To learn about the new coverage and how you can reduce the costs of your medicines, come to Gibraltar Community Center on Monday, March 27, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Sen. Patterson is sponsoring this comprehensive, community-based education program to help people with Medicare, and their families, understand the new coverage, assess their personal situation, understand their choices, compare plan options, then make the enrollment decision that is right for their health and financial situation.

Gibraltar's Community Center is at 29340 S. Gibraltar Rd; the phone is (734) 671-1466.

You should bring documentation:

For the Low-Income Subsidy, documents will show if you qualify for this benefit:

- bank or credit union statements with current balances
- investment statements and stock certificates
- tax returns
- life insurance policies & related statements
- payroll stubs.

For enrollment in a prescription drug insurance plan, bring

- a list of current prescriptions, including dosage strengths and instructions
- your Medicare card

- your preferred pharmacies
- any correspondence received from former employers, government agencies, or a Medigap insurance provider, about the new Medicare drug benefit ('Part D').

For more information, call Sue Trussell (734) 783-1642, or Gil Talbert (734) 671-1466, at the Center.



Sen. Patterson reads to several 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes at Erickson Elementary School, Canton, on March 17, part of his "March is Reading Month" activities. His three children all graduated from Erickson.

### **Office Hours schedule for late-March, 2006**

Sue Trussell, Sen. Patterson's District Representative, will hold office hours from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the following places:

March 21<sup>st</sup> - Huron Township Hall, temporarily at 17901 Woodland Drive, Suite 1000, in the Huron Commerce Center (just north of Sibley Road, and west of I-275), New Boston, MI 48164. The Center's phone number is (734) 753-4466.

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Flat Rock City Library, 25200 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, 48134 (734) 782-2430. (This includes Rockwood constituents.)

### **Contact Information**

Thank you for your interest in our current state issues. If you would like to receive future updates via e-mail, please contact my office at < [senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov) >. You can also visit me in my Lansing office at 505 Farnum Building, just across S. Capitol Avenue from the state Capitol; or you can send me mail at P. O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909. Telephone (517) 373-7350 or (866) 262-7307; fax (517) 373-9228. I want to hear from you.

See the *Legislative Questionnaire* on the Website, too! Your responses are welcomed!